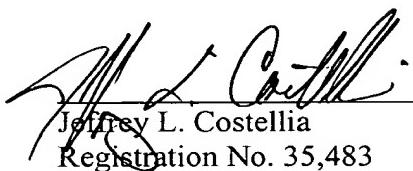


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to correct the improper multiple dependencies and to place them in better condition for examination.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 4. (AMENDED)** A surgical device as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the fixing means is provided by a proximal ring for engaging with a patient's skin.

6. (AMENDED) A surgical device as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the sealing means is provided by an inflatable first seal for engaging and retracting the incision and a second inflatable seal for sealing the lumen of the tube or sleeve bore.